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OPA Daily Digest for 7/22/14

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.); **Sen. Roy Blunt** (Mo.); **Rep. William Lacy Clay** (Mo.); **Rep. Ann Wagner** (Mo.) – Letter – 7/18/14: West Lake Landfill. Due: 8/1/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Wall Street Journal – John Emshwiller – 7/9/14: Questions about isolation barrier project at West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

RadWaste Monitor – Jeremy Dillon – 7/22/14: Questions about isolation barrier project at West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KPLR Channel 11, St. Louis – Jeff Bernthal – 7/21/14: Questions about EPA Region 7's radiation screening and sampling of the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Jacob Barker – 7/21/14: Questions about the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

KTVI Channel 2, St. Louis – Residents around Bridgeton Athletic Complex Wary of EPA Results – 7/22/14 - The Westlake Bridgeton Landfill Community Advisory Group has lost its faith in EPA testing for contamination. The group announced its concerns during a Monday night meeting. <http://fox2now.com/2014/07/21/residents-around-bridgeton-athletic-complex-wary-of-epa-results/>

KMOV Channel 4, St. Louis – Barrier at Bridgeton Landfill Delayed – 7/22/14 - Construction of a barrier aimed at preventing underground smoldering from reaching buried nuclear waste at a suburban St. Louis landfill has been delayed, and lawmakers want to know why. <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Barrier-at-Bridgeton-landfill-delayed-268109262.html>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Barrier between fire and nuclear waste at West Lake Landfill is delayed – 7/22/14 - Construction on a barrier between an underground fire at the Bridgeton Landfill and radioactive materials in the adjacent West Lake Landfill has been delayed, and federal lawmakers are asking why.

http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/barrier-between-fire-and-nuclear-waste-at-west-lake-landfill/article_3ecf5c1b-a441-5985-85d8-b89cf95975e2.html

KPLR Channel 11, St. Louis – Residents around Bridgeton Athletic Complex Wary of EPA Results – 7/21/14 - The Westlake Bridgeton Landfill Community Advisory Group has lost its faith in EPA testing for contamination. The group announced its concerns during a Monday night meeting. <http://kplr11.com/2014/07/21/residents-around-bridgeton-athletic-complex-wary-of-epa-results/>

Bloomberg BNA – Former EPA Official Should be Disqualified as Expert Witness, Justice Dept. Tells Court – 7/22/14 - Former Environmental Protection Agency official Jeffrey Holmstead should be barred from serving as an expert witness in an enforcement action against a utility company, the Justice Department told a federal court (*United States v. Ameren Missouri*, E.D. Mo., No. 4:11-cv-77, motion to disqualify filed 7/18/14). <http://www.bna.com/former-epa-official-n17179892674/>

Agprofessional.com – EPA in hot water over proposed CWA rule – 7/21/14 - Despite a recent public relations campaign through Missouri farm country to attempt to calm the waters about the proposed changes to the definition of “Waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act, EPA continues to take heat from farmers and ranchers, and lawmakers. <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/EPA-in-hot-water-over-proposed-CWA-rule-267981181.html>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Cleanup of lead pollution at St. Joe State Park nearing an end – 7/21/14 - A three-year lead cleanup project at St. Joe State Park — a popular place to ride all-terrain vehicles on the site of a shuttered lead mining and milling operation — is nearing an end. http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/cleanup-of-lead-pollution-at-st-joe-state-park-nearing/article_a3a51d6e-0bde-5e8c-9236-9bf5c676bccc.html

Clean Technica – US Still Crushing on Advanced Biofuels Research With New USDA, EPA Grants – 7/21/14 - While us EV fans are dreaming of an all-electric future, the reality is that tankloads of liquid fuel will continue to play a role in global mobility for, well, like forever. That means the US is going to continue churning out fuel for vehicles, aircraft, and seacraft. <http://cleantechnica.com/2014/07/22/us-still-crushing-on-advanced-biofuels/>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Anytime Duct Cleaning Tied to F-Rated North Carolina Firm, BBB Warns – 7/22/14 - Anytime Duct Cleaning, a company that recently began soliciting customers in the St. Louis area, appears to be tied to Indoor Air Quality Solutions, a duct-cleaning company with an “F” rating that is the subject of numerous consumer complaints with Better Business Bureau (BBB) in the Charlotte, N.C., area. <http://interact.stltoday.com/pr/business/PR072214082917913>

Iowa Public Radio – Invisible Air: Regulating Iowa’s Air Quality – 7/21/14 - The EPA sets regulations for 6 sources of air pollution, but there are hundreds of pollutants known to the EPA that go unregulated. Today we continue our environmental series – *Ripple Effects* – by looking into Iowa’s air quality. What’s in our air, what are the sources of Iowa’s air pollution, and what can we do to clean it up? <http://iowapublicradio.org/post/invisible-air-regulating-iowas-air-quality>

AgWired – Busy Week in DC for Corn Growers – 7/21/14 - Members of the National Corn Growers Association had a busy week in the nation’s capital last week – hearing from and meeting with administration officials and lawmakers, saying goodbye to retiring industry leaders, and inspiring new young leaders. <http://agwired.com/2014/07/22/busy-week-in-dc-for-corn-growers/>

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal – Beef pollutes more than poultry, pork, study says – 7/21/14 – Raising beef for the American dinner table does far more damage to the environment than producing pork, poultry, eggs or dairy, a new study says. http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/national/beef-pollutes-more-than-pork-poultry-study-says/article_c9f52916-de23-56f8-8224-233edd179860.html

National Resources Defense Council (blog) – National Conversation on Climate Change Has Shifted; Just Look at Latest Calls for Action – 7/21/14 - Matt Russell recently declared that “we are already experiencing the effects of climate change.” Russell isn’t a pundit or scientist or government official. He is a fifth-generation farmer from Lacona, Iowa, and he is trying to raise crops in the face of extreme weather. “Scientists have been telling us what climate change looks like.” http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/fbeinecke/national_conversation_on_clima.html

Investor’s Business Daily – Sue and Settle Another Way for Greens to Halt Progress – 7/21/14 - If you’ve never heard of the litigation technique “sue and settle,” it’s the hottest

new strategy for extreme environmentalists to make millions of acres of prime land for ranching, farming, oil and gas drilling, and mining of natural resources off limits for development. <http://news.investors.com/ibd-editorials-viewpoint/072114-709679-litigation-strategy-compels-victims-to-give-up-prime-land.htm>

Nebraska Radio Network – State’s cattle producers encouraged to attend meetings to learn, sound off – 7/22/14 - The Nebraska Cattlemen’s Association is holding a series of meetings around the state this week to get input from its members on various state and federal issues and concerns. The association’s legislative director Laura Field says they’re making seven stops for meetings. <http://nebraskaradionetwork.com/2014/07/22/states-cattle-producers-encouraged-to-attend-meetings-to-learn-sound-off/>

Daily Mail – Study finds raising beef produces at least FIVE times the pollution of pork and poultry, as scientists urge Americans to skip the steak – 7/21/14 - Raising beef for the American dinner table does far more damage to the environment than producing pork, poultry, eggs or dairy, a new study says. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2700452/Beef-pollutes-pork-poultry-study-says.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

7/22/14 – Budget Forum, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

7/23/14 – Senior Leadership Retreat for Regional Administrators, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

7/24/14 – National Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Washington DC. Contact: Lynn Slugantz, 7883

7/28/14 – Tribal Visit, Kickapoo Tribe, Horton, Kan. Contact: Lynn Slugantz, 7883

7/29/14 – Tribal Visit, Winnebago Tribe, Winnebago, Neb., Contact: Lynn Slugantz, 7883

7/29-30/14 – Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Niobrara, Neb. Contact: Lynn Slugantz, 7883

7/31/14 – Missouri Environmental & Energy Conference at the Lake, Osage Beach, Mo. Contact: David Cozad, 7587

8/6/14 - St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: David Bryan, 7433

8/11/14 – Clean Power Plan Forum with Utility Executives, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Mary Peterson, 7882

8/13/14 – Iowa Association of Business & Industry, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Dave Bryan, 7433

8/20/14 – Tribal Consultation Training, Regional Office. Contact: Heather Hamilton, 7039

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7/22/14 – Budget Forum, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

7/23-7/24/14 Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

8/20/14 – Tribal Consultation Training, Regional Office. Contact: Heather Hamilton, 7039

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

7/22/2014 – Participating in the Iowa Department of Natural Resources 111(d) kick off meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487.

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

None

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

9/29-30/14 - Healthy Schools Outreach, Missouri School Plant Managers' Association Conference, Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Contact: Kathleen Fenton, 7874 and Harry Diesel, 7382

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None

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8/18-21/14 – Purdue Pesticide Program Certification and Training Workshop, Indianapolis, Ind. Contact: Douglas Jones, 7592

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